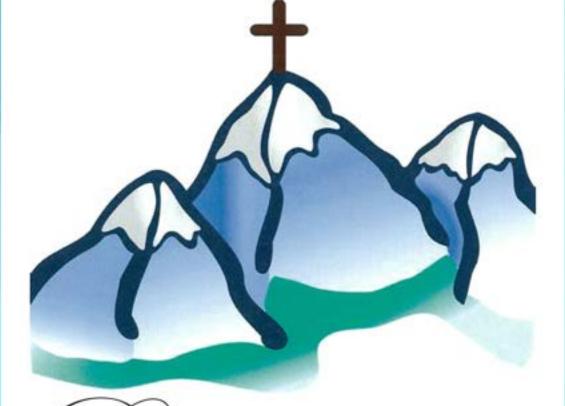






January 29, 2023



Alessed are the peacemakers

Matthew 5:9

Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—*Tuesdays at NOON*

Sunday Worship Service is at 10:00am on-site and online

We Remember in our Prayers

- · Mary Ann Bartley-Health Concerns
- Don Benson—Health Concerns
- Barbara Brooks—Health Concerns
- · Kristy Burke (Friend of Frances DeBruyn)—Health Concerns
- Christi (Daughter of Charlie and Sue Boyd)—Health Concerns
- Larry Coutts—Health Concerns
- Sue Dixon (Sister of Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns
- Michael Donavon—Health Concerns
- Jenna Fjeld—Health Concerns
- · Joe Franch (Friend of Kathie Roenigk)—Health Concerns
- Dave and Joy Gallimore—Health Concerns
- Vicki Grimsley (mother of Mason Rossman)—Cancer
- Francisco Hernandez (Father of Lourdes Gasparino)—Health Concerns
- Jay Hoenig—Health Concerns
- Tyler Hornacek (Grandson of John & Sue Hornacek)—Deployed
- Norm Jouett (Janis Fjeld's father)—Health Concerns
- · Penny Kilburn-Hospice Care
- Michael Koch (Grandson of Ron and Shirley Koch)—Health Concerns
- Michael (Cousin of Lynda Cales)—Health Concerns
- Jay Lucas—Health Concerns
- Hadlee Miller (Friend of Pastor Shari)—Health Concerns
- · Henry Roenigk-Health Concerns
- Del Rogge—Health Concerns
- Ruth Schlesinger—Health Concern
- · Sarah Shelmire-Health Concerns
- Gloria Shutter (Friend of Marilyn Nartker)—Battling Cancer
- Joan Sprinkle—Health Concerns
- Lisa Squires (Bob Ulland's Daughter)—Health Concerns
- Sumi and Celine (Friends of Diane vanMaanen)—Health Concerns
- Jim Tonneson—Health Concerns
- Michael Umland (Son of Steve & Sue Umland)—Health Concerns
- · Darcie Vandermate-Health Concerns
- Gavin Vaughan (Nephew of Gordon & Marty Lindert)—Health Concerns
- People of Ukraine
- · Family & Friends of Lowell Howard (Brother-in-law of Gene and Shirley Perry)
- · Family & Friends of Nancy Lowe
- Family & Friends of Donald Pettengill (Darnell Pettengill's Father)





The 2nd Great



Auction





Donations are welcome to help make this a success! Maybe you have a special talent in painting, pottery, photography, etc. We also welcome gift cards to restaurants or stores, items for themed gift baskets, tickets to concerts or sporting events, or passes to area attractions. All donations are due to the church office no later than January 27. Thank you for your support!

Tickets for the event will go on sale on Sunday, January 8, for \$25 per adult and \$10 for kids 8 and under. The ticket includes dinner, entertainment and access to the live and silent auction.

Please save the date for this Fundraiser for the 2023 Youth Mission Trip to Niagara Falls, NY

Prayer of the Week

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



Men's Bible Breakfast

This Thursday at 8:00am
Spirit in the Desert

\$7 Breakfast

Carpool leaves the church at 7:30am

Dennis Nelson Bible Study

Published via our YouTube Channel Wednesdays at NOON

Bible Study Outlines also available on our website: lwlcaz.org.

Medical Lending Library Ministry

What: It's the same as a book library but lends durable medical equipment.
Who: Will be used by our partner La Sagrada Familia Church members
who are mostly low-income and uninsured.

How: Donate your used crutches, commode, wheelchair/cushion, walker, hospital bed, cane, etc.

When: We will collect them on March 19 and 26 at Living Water.

Questions: Please contact Steve McCarthy at 928-848-2458,



Living Water Lutheran Church 9201 East Happy Valley Road Scottsdale, AZ 85255 Learning

Dear Friends.

Thank you for your most recent gift to Lunches for Learning:

Date of this gift: 12/15/2022
Amount of this gift: \$1,500.00
Your total giving in 2022: \$1,819.50

We have flipped the page on our calendars, welcoming the year 2023 into our lives, and the kids in Honduras are counting the days to the beginning of their new school year in early February.

As is probably the case with all of us, Lunches for Learning is approaching the 2023 school year with a great deal of hope. Thanks to our L4L sponsors and donors, the kids in L4L-sponsored schools will soon be receiving daily lunches at school again. This year will represent our 19th consecutive school year serving the kids of rural southern Honduras.







While we are also looking forward to schools beginning a new academic year, we are still monitoring the cost of food in Honduras. Based on what we've seen during the December-January school break, food costs appear to remain at the levels we saw in late 2022. We saw the highest food costs in our 19-year history last year, a full 22% higher than our pre-shutdown baseline food costs, and we've seen no signs of food costs moderating at all yet. As stated earlier, we remain hopeful.

You are helping to transform the lives of these kids in rural southern Honduras. We cannot thank you enough for your support of Lunches for Learning, but we plan to keep trying!

Sincerely,

Phil Dodson, Executive Director

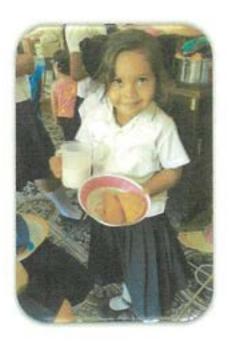
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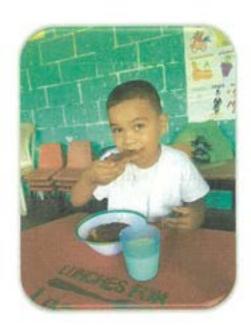
All gifts are tax-deductible. No goods or services have been rendered in exchange for any gifts.

Students in L4L-sponsored schools enjoy a healthy lunch each day, provided by you – our sponsors and donors. With a somewhat limited menu, there are a few variations which the moms prepare. For example, the girl at right is showing us the "pastelitos" prepared that day in her school – rice and beans folded into a tortilla and then fried crispy and golden brown. The boy below is eating "catrachas" with refried beans spread on crispy tortillas.

Each is enjoying a glass of milk with lunch.

For many of these children, the lunch they receive at school is the only meal they will receive on any given day ... and the school lunch they receive is what is keeping these kids in school; allowing them to complete their education and graduate.





Meal components are dehydrated – including powdered milk – and are re-constituted on-site as the meal is prepared each day. The students' mothers play a role in the program by cooking and serving the lunches each day in a scheduled rotation.

The daily multi-vitamin provides crucial nutrients which are so important to these kids' growing bodies. Each chewable includes vitamins A, C, D, E, B1, B2, B6 and B12, as well as Niacin, Folic Acid and Iron.

Becoming certified to teach in Honduras is very similar to the process in the U.S. A university degree is required to become certified as an entry-level teacher, and advanced degrees and certifications are required to advance in the teaching profession and to become a Principal.

In Honduras, Principals actively teach in the classroom every school day. Their role as Principal makes them the primary administrator at each school, but they all teach students in the classroom every single day.





HELP US OUTFIT A KITCHEN FOR AN AFGHAN REFUGEE FAMILY!

Living Water, one of the five NE Valley Consortium (NEVC) congregations, has been asked to help outfit a kitchen for an incoming Afghan refugee family through Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest. We are seeking new, or gently used, kitchen items as listed below. The family is scheduled to be here on Feb.

15. This request is from the NEVC and not through our regular Refugee Resettlement led by the Dave and Liz Gilkey. Living Water is partnering with Ascension Lutheran to outfit the kitchen for one family of 13. We've split the list of needed items and our list is below. The items need to be delivered to Living Water on or before Sunday, Feb. 12th. Thank you in advance for any donations! Questions? Please visit with Myrna Ulland.

Dinner and/or luncheon plates for 8

Soup/cereal bowls for 8

Coffee cups, water and juice glasses for 8

Silverware place settings for 8

Mixing/food prep bowls

Spatulas, mixing spoons, rubber spatula

Assorted sizes of pots, with covers

Frying pans with covers

Tea pot

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Crock pot (large size, 8 qt)

Assorted baking pans, cookie sheets

Grater

Colander

Whisk

Vegetable peeler

Kitchen tongs

Plastic food storage containers

Paper/plastic products including paper towels, paper napkins, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, waxed paper, plastic food storage bags of various sizes



Piecemakers Quilters in February!

Join us on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, at 9 am in the Education Building.

Help us tie quilts destined for Lutheran World Relief ministries. If you can hold a needle, we can teach you to tie! If you are a

winter visitor, and enjoy being among women who love quilting, you're invited to join us!

Last year, we made more than 100 quilts. We will gather next on February 1 and February 15, from 9 am to about noon. We now convene in the Education Building in Matthew/Mark classrooms. Many hands make light work! Questions? Ask Lynda Cales, Kay Bonar, Mary Nyberg, Cindy Ophaug or Myrna Ulland. You can also learn more about this ministry at www.lwr.org/quilts-and-kits

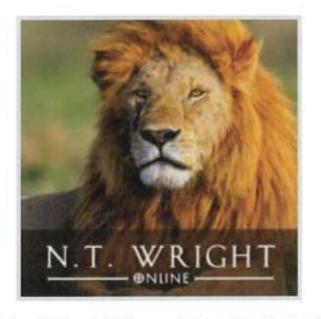


Save the Date!:

Annual Congregational Meeting 2nd Sunday in February

February 12th at 11:00am

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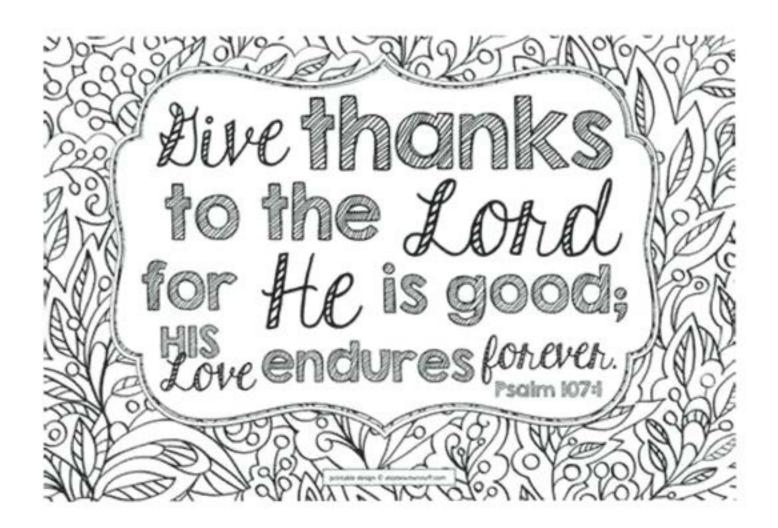


Tuesday Women's Bible Study

All women are invited to join us at 10 am each Tuesday morning, in person in the Fellowship Hall, or via a Zoom connection. We began a 10-week study of the book of Daniel from the Old Testament, on Jan. 17. Video lectures from Biblical scholar, N.T. Wright, will give us insight into the exiled people of God as revealed in this Prophets section of the Bible.

We meet every Tuesday, 10 am. No additional material is needed, other than your favorite Bible

translation. Coffee and hot water for tea/hot chocolate is provided. Join us, no matter what level of Biblical knowledge you have. We learn, pray, laugh and support one another as we grow in faith together. Not on our email notification list? Email myrna.ulland@gmail.com to be added. We look forward to your presence!





December 12, 2022

Living Water Lutheran Church 9201 East Happy Valley Road Scottsdale, AZ 85255

Dear Living Water Lutheran Church,

THANK YOU!

We appreciate your generous donation of \$315.00 to Scottsdale Community Partners-SCP, (formerly Concerned Citizens for Community Health-CCCH). Your support and financial gift help provide youth, families and seniors in our Scottsdale community with the assistance they need.

SCP is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that supports the work of Vista del Camino Community Services, Via Linda Senior Center and Granite Reef Senior Center. SCP works closely with the City of Scottsdale Human Services Division, to directly support programs and services that help to:

- Assist residents in a crisis situation and help prevent homelessness
- Increase self-sufficiency
- Provide stability in meeting basic needs such as reducing food insecurity (Vista del Camino Food Bank, Brown Bags for seniors, Healthy Packs for students)
- Offer economic assistance through seasonal programs such as Back-to-School (BTS) and Holiday Adopt a Family / Senior (AAF / AAS)

Your trust and kind generosity are invaluable to Scottsdale Community Partners (SCP). Your donation allows us to continue our mission to support our fellow Scottsdale residents and let them know they are not alone. We look forward to your continued support. If you would like to learn more about our organization or become a volunteer visit our website at SCPAZ.org

With warm regards and deep appreciation,

Jenny Adams

Executive Director, Scottsdale Community Partners (SCP)

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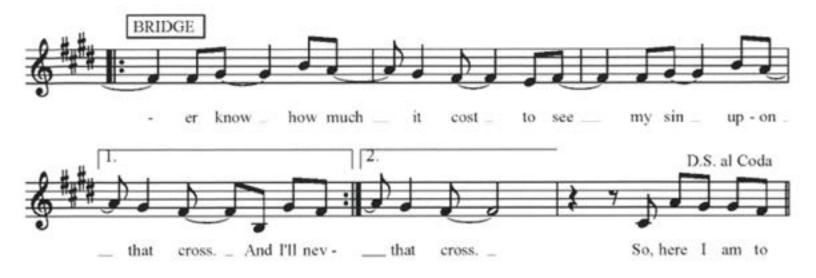
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Facebook: Scottsdale Community Partners

Gathering Song..... "Here I Am to Worship"



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Sermon Hymn..... "Rise Up, O Saints of God!"





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Sending Song..... "You Are My All in All"



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Living Water is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Grand Canyon Synod and Northeast Valley Conference.



Publication Deadlines: Connections- Every Tuesday by noon SPLASH! - The 20th of each month by noon



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